



Staff Report

Legal Services – By-law

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: April 20, 2021
Report Number: FAF.21.062
Title: Appointment of a Municipal Weed Inspector
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.062, entitled “Appointment of a Municipal Weed Inspector”;

AND THAT Council repeal By-law 2011-18, being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector.

AND THAT Council enact a new By-law to appoint Wayne DeWitt and Raymond White as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the purposes of enforcing the Weed Control Act within Council’s jurisdiction.

B. Overview

This report requests that Council repeal By-law 2011-18, being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector, and enact a new By-law to appoint Wayne DeWitt and Raymond White as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the purposes of enforcing the Weed Control Act within Council’s jurisdiction.

C. Background

By-law No. 2011-18 was enacted on March 28, 2011 to appoint Wayne DeWitt as Municipal Weed Inspector. By-law No. 2020-20 was enacted on March 30, 2020, to add Chris Raynsford to the list of appointed Officers, as it was deemed advantageous to have an additional Municipal Law Enforcement Officer appointed as a Municipal Weed Inspector. As Chris Raynsford has since secured a position in another department within the Town, a new By-law must be enacted to repeal his appointment and replace it with the appointment of Wayne DeWitt and Raymond White.

D. Analysis

With the advent of a Municipal wide Property Standards By-Law, as mandated by the Province, there is the opportunity to enforce our Long Grass and Weeds By-Law on lands containing

noxious weeds, such as wild chervil and giant hog weed. Without the Town wide Property Standards By-Law, enforcement of this was only possible through the Weed Control Act. While this is good Legislation, and may have to be used in some circumstances, utilizing our Long Grass and Weeds By-Law instead of the Weed Control Act will allow for more timely response and quicker timelines to have noxious weeds destroyed. Due to this new area being added to the Property Standards By-law (the whole of the Municipality), it is expected there will be a larger demand for service of these complaints. To appoint Officer DeWitt and Officer White as Municipal Weed Inspectors will allow them the authority to enforce both pieces of Legislation. It is anticipated Officer White will take the “lead” on these calls, and Wayne DeWitt will retain the ability to provide back up, if required.

Therefore, it is requested that Council repeal By-law 2011-18 and approve the enactment of a new By-law to authorize MLEOs Wayne DeWitt and Raymond White to be able to enforce the Weed Control Act, if required, within the Town’s jurisdiction.

E. Strategic Priorities

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

F. Environmental Impacts

Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that weeds are controlled in an environmentally friendly manner.

G. Financial Impacts

N/A

H. In Consultation With

N/A

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Will Thomson, Director Legal Services directorlegal@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. By-law 2011-18, Being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector
2. By-law 2020-20, Being a By-law to amend By-law 2011-18, Being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector
3. Draft By-law, Being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector

Respectfully submitted,

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